

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Matthew J. Blackford	Examiner:	Alvin C. Chin Shue
Serial No.:	10/764,498	Group Art Unit:	3634
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Docket No.:	221P127US01		
Title:	<u>RATCHETING ANCHORAGE DEVICE</u>		

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RESPONSE

MS: Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Introductory Comments

This Response is being filed in reply to the Office Action dated November 16, 2006.

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